



MAPPING OUT PLANS: DelDOT Project Manager Rob McCleary and Javier Torrijos, ECA area engineer for

DelDOT, go over plans major highway projects in Delaware. Photo by Kate House.

Rt. 1 project manager a CR grad

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Long but fun projects are what Rob McCleary of Dover has been working on for the past year for DelDOT.

Since last summer, McCleary has been project manager for the organization, having entered into the position after David DuPlessis was promoted to DelDOT's subdivision-utilities engineer.

Before becoming project manager, McCleary was DelDOT's storm water engineer where he ran an environmental regulatory program. He has been doing civil and highway design work for the last 12 years.

McCleary, 35, is a 1982 graduate of Caesar Rodney High School. His family moved to Delaware from Sayre, Pa. when he was 16. After graduating from high school, McCleary went on to the University of Delaware where he majored in civil engineering. Through the university, he worked as an intern with DelDOT in bridge design.

Besides DelDOT, McCleary has worked for Delaware State Parks and for the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. He has been with DelDOT since 1993. Being apart of the project management team, he oversees large projects like Rt. 1.

"It's an interesting job to have because you get to meet a little bit of everybody," he said.

He also enjoys the engineering aspect. While he said his job puts him in a position to be valuable to DelDOT, doing long projects can be limiting if a person has a desire to work on other projects.

"I like it. It's been a lot of fun for the past year," he said.

McCleary's community involvement includes membership on the board of directors of the Delaware section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and coaching youth soccer for the Central Delaware Soccer Association.

McCleary lives with his wife, Barbara and their two children Patrick, 8, and Erin, 6.